Second email to engaged couple whose wedding date is registered with the diocese

Email title: A helpful checklist of requirements for marriage in the Diocese of Camden

Dear ------------------------------

Hopefully, you have already taken the most important step in preparing for your marriage by registering for either: **Preparing to Live in Love, Beginning to Live in Love, Engaged Encounter,** or your parish’s unique marriage preparation program. If you have not done so yet simply go to [*MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org*](mailto:MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org) and follow the link to the program of your choice.

Although preparing to marry is such a special time for every couple it can also be a very busy time. We thought we might be of service by providing a checklist of some of the important documents you need to present to your priest or deacon before your wedding can take place.

There will be an envelope with your names on it waiting at your parish office to receive the items from the following lists which your priest or deacon has indicated you must supply:

***Here are the documents that you can provide right away or as soon as possible:***

* Affidavits of freedom for marriage ………..read more
* In cases of second marriage/s
  + Documentation of annulment/s: a photocopy of an authentic decree of nullity issued by the marriage tribunal of the appropriate diocese.
  + For widows and widowers: photocopy of authentic death certificate of deceased spouse/s
* Certificate of completion from your marriage preparation course (i.e.Preparing to Live in Love, Beginning to Live in Love, Engaged Encounter, etc.)

***There are other documents that you should provide a bit later in the marriage preparation process:***

The priest or deacon who will be the witnessing clergy at your wedding may have mentioned that you need to produce a baptismal certificate from the church where you were baptized. These certificates must be current, which means that they should be dated no sooner than six months prior to your wedding.... read more

The last thing you will need is the clergyman’s copy of your civil marriage license which cannot be obtained until 30 day before your wedding…read more

If you have any further questions about requirements to marry in the Diocese of Camden kindly contact Mary Lou Hughes at the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

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